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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In-re-application-of

Docket No: Q68749

Masaaki ORIKASA

Appln. No.: 10/084,203

Group Art Unit: 3732

Confirmation No.: 4933

Examiner: Ralph A. Lewis

Filed: February 28, 2002

For: ORTHODONTIC BRACKET

EXCESS CLAIM FEE PAYMENT LETTER

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

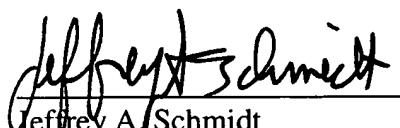
Sir:

An Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 is attached hereto for concurrent filing in the above-identified application. The resulting excess claim fee has been calculated as shown below:

	After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For					
All Claims	18	-	15	=	X	\$18.00	=	\$.00
Independent	7	-	3	=	4 X	\$86.00	=	\$344.00
TOTAL							=	\$344.00

A check for the statutory fee of \$344.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

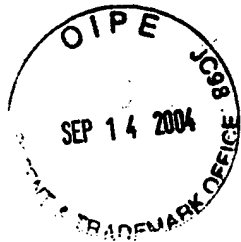
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 15, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows on the accompanying pages.

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